



# Procedures/Diagnostic Tests

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## Intravenous Pyelogram (IVP)

*You are scheduled for an intravenous pyelogram, also called an IVP. This procedure helps your doctor see your kidneys and related urinary structures. (The kidneys are located behind the intestines.) The IVP is an x-ray in which a dye is injected into a vein in your arm. This dye concentrates in your kidneys so that they appear clearly in x-rays. The test will take place in the x-ray room of the Diagnostic Radiology Department.*

### Procedure:

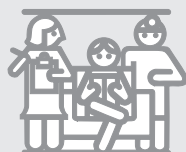
- You'll be given a special laxative to take the day before your procedure. The laxative makes the kidneys more easily seen on x-ray.
- Do not eat or drink after midnight on the day of the procedure, until the test is over. Despite these restrictions, you may need to take certain medications. Please check with your doctor or nurse if you are taking medications regularly.
- This procedure lasts about 1 hour.

### After the Procedure:

When the procedure is over, and if you are not scheduled for any other tests, you may eat or drink anything you like.

If you have questions about the procedure, please ask. Your nurse and doctor are ready to assist you at all times.

### Special Instructions:



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